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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: KEEFE, David L.

International Application No: PCT/US03/32672

International Filing Date: 13 October 2003

For: METHOD OF ASSESSING THE RISK OF REPRODUCTIVE FAILURE BY MEASURING TELOMERE LENGTH

Attorney Docket No.: 59802US (49947)

Mailstop PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO REVIVE AN UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.137(b)

Dear Sir:

On 13 October 2003, PCT International Application No. PCT/US03/32672, filed 13 October 2003, claiming priority to U.S. provisional application Ser. No. 60/419,071, filed 16 October 2002, U.S. provisional application Ser. No. 60/452,741, filed 7 March 2003, was filed on behalf of Applicants Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island and David W. Keefe. Accordingly, the date for entering the national stage for the International Application in the United States was 16 April 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be revived under 37 CFR §1.137(b). It is respectfully submitted that the entire delay in entering the national stage after 16 April 2005 to the filing of this petition was unintentional.

Under 37 CFR §1.137(b), a Petition to Revive an unintentionally abandoned application must be accompanied by: (1) any required reply, unless it has been previously submitted; (2) a petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer under paragraph (d) of this section.

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Accordingly, Applicants submit with this Petition to Revive (1) a Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371, (2) an Information Disclosure Statement,

(3) an unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney, and (4) an Application Data Sheet. Please charge to Deposit Order Account No. 04-1105 for the amount of \$750 for the petition fee, based on small entity status, under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(m). Applicants state the entire delay in filing the Transmittal Letter to the United States Elected Office and basic filing fee for entry into the U.S. national stage until the filing of this petition pursuant to 37 CFR §1.137(b) was unintentional. A terminal disclaimer is not required under 37 CFR §1.137(d) because the subject application was filed after June 8, 1995.

Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to Deposit Order Account No. 04-1105. If Applicants' undersigned attorney can be of assistance in furthering the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact him at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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